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SUBJECT:POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL PROJECT VISIT ENROUTE TO

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) ANNUAL MEETING

MANILA FOR USADB

1. CONGRESSIONAL GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 40 WILL BE TRAVELING TO MANILA AS PART OF U.S. DELEGATION TO ADB ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 24-26. DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18 TO ALLOW 2 OR 3 DAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LENDING BANKS' PROJECT SITE VISITS. THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL STOPS IN FIJI AND/OR SABAH AND/OR PAPUA NEW GUINEA IS EXPECTED TO BE 24 HOURS.

2. PLEASE CABLE ASAP AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GROUP OF 40 PERSONS, CAPACITY OF LOCAL AIRPORT TO HANDLE BOEING 707 AIRCRAFT, ANY VISA REQUIREMENTS, AND AVAILABILITY OF BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR PROJECT VISITS. PLEASE SLUG RESPONSES PASS TREASURY ZINMAN/GONZALEZ.

(A) (SUVA) INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE INDICATES 5 POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR SITE VISITS: TWO ADB PROJECTS (POWER DOLS. 4.7 MILLION AND FIJI DEVELOPMENT BANK DOLS. 2.0 MILLION) AND THREE IBRD PROJECTS (ROADS I DOLS. 11.8 MILLION AND II DOLS.

4.2 MILLION, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DOLS. 2.2 MILLION). PLEASE CONFIRM OUR ASSUMPTION THAT TIME PERMITS VISITS TO PROBABLY NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE PROJECTS. WE ARE CONSIDERING THE ADB POWER AND DEVELOPMENT BANK PROJECTS (POSSIBLY VISIT TO SUB-BORROWER) AND IBRD'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT WITH A POSSIBLE DRIVE OVER ANY OF THE ROADS FINANCED BY IBRD. POSSIBLE VISIT DISCUSSED IN DEPARTMENT WITH CHARGE HALL WHO IS IN FAVOR ASSUMING MEANINGFUL PROJECT VISITS CAN BE ARRANGED IN TIME AVAILABLE.

(B)(KUALA LUMPUR) INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE INDICATES THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS MOST SUITABLE FOR SITE VISITS IN SABAH: (A) IN KOTA KINABALU - SABAH ELECTRICITY (ADB DOLS. 9.8 MILLION) AND PORT (IBRD DOLS. 16.1 MILLION); AND/OR, (B) IN SANDAKAN - SABAH ELECTRICITY (ADB DOLS. 9.8 MILLION) AND SABAH LAND DEVELOPMENT (ADB DOLS. 14 MILLION).
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(C)(PORT MORESBY) INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE INDICATES THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS TO BE MOST SUITABLE FOR SITE VISITS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA: TWO ADB PROJECTS (DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION DOLS. 4.5 MILLION AND ROADS DOLS. 9.8 MILLION) THREE IDA PROJECTS, (AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CREDITS DOLS. 4.5 MILLION, PORT DOLS. 9.2 MILLION AND SMALLHOLDER LIVESTOCK DOLS. 5.0 MILLION).

3. IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 2, WOULD APPRECIATE POST VIEWS SOONEST REGARDING: (A) ACCESS TO PROJECTS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF BRIEFINGS BY LOCAL OFFICIALS AND GUIDED TOUR OF PROJECT; (B) THE TIME REQUIRED FOR EACH SITE VISIT, INCLUDING THE DISTANCE AND DIFFICULTY OF TRIP TO AND FROM HOTEL; AND (C) THE ADEQUACY OF TRANSPORT FACILITIES (HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO TRANSPORT ENTIRE GROUP IN ONE BUS). WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE POSTS VIEW ON ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS IF APPROPRIATE TO REFLECT ADB OR WORLD BANK ACTIVITIES AND THRUST OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM EFFORTS. MAW

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